

Sen. Gore Assails Nixon On 'Secret' Data Policy

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Sen. Albert Gore has charged the Nixon administration with holding members of Congress to secrecy concerning classified military information and then making the same information public.

The charges followed President Nixon's disclosure at a news conference Friday that the United States is capable of "reading" radar pictures of another country from miles away.

"I am troubled and puzzled as to why such a top secret on Thursday afternoon is the subject of a press conference on Friday morning," the Tennessee Democrat told a meeting of the Communications Workers of America here Saturday.

Gore commended Nixon for his use of restraint after North Korea's downing of a U.S. reconnaissance plane, but called upon the President to explain why he divulged "an extremely sensitive secret" during the press conference.

"This is not to say that the President acted illegally, since he has the power to declassify a secret," Gore said.

The Navy EC121 plane with 31 crewmen aboard was shot down in the Sea of Japan last week.

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